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The Honorable William Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The rules issued for WT Docket 96-86 will have significant impact on the communication capability of public safety. The 24 MHZ of spectrum recently reallocated for public safety use will be more effectively utilized if the Commission supports regional planning rather than state controlled spectrum planning. As a public safety agency, we have experienced first hand the problems associated with radio frequency propagation crossing state boundaries.

In addition to utilizing a regional planning approach, it is also critical that local government agencies have full participation and equal standing in the planning process. Since local government agencies provide the majority of public safety services, their expertise in the day to day use of the radio spectrum would be invaluable in the planning process. Working together, we (local agencies and the FCC), would produce the most efficient and effective use of the spectrum allocation.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 22, 1998

The Honorable William Kennard
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Re: WT Docket 96-98

Dear Mr. Chairman:

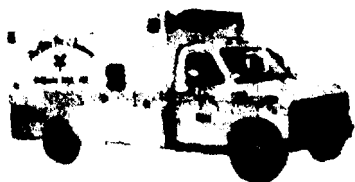
Our department understands that the FCC is about to issue rules concerning the 24MHz spectrum planning recently reallocated for public safety. We strongly support proposals that the commission use a regional planning approach rather than state-controlled spectrum planning. Public safety frequency planning works best when it reflects the population centers, as radio frequency propagation does not honor state boundaries. Moreover, it is critical that local government agencies, which provide the majority of public services, have full participation and equal standing in the planning process.

Respectfully submitted,



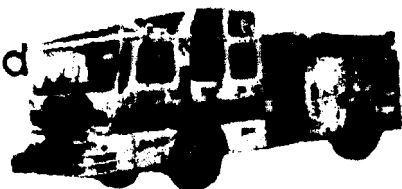
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July 21, 1998

The Honorable William Kennard
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Re: WT Docket 96-86

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that the FCC is about to issue rules regarding spectrum planning for the 24 MHz of spectrum recently allocated for the public safety use. We strongly support proposals that the Commission use a regional planning approach rather than state-controlled spectrum planning. Public safety frequency planning works best when it reflects population centers, as radio frequency propagation does not honor state boundaries. Moreover, it is critical that local government agencies, which provide the majority of public services, have full participation and equal standing in the planning process.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart C. Hoehne
Fire Chief.

